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ABSTRACT

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Moulton, Oliver

Oliver Moulton Jr. Papers, 1863-1890 (bulk 1883-1884)

½ box (.25 shelf feet)

Lumberman, mill owner and ship owner of Pittston ME.

Vessel papers of Oliver Moulton Jr. Contents include bills of sale for vessel shares, dividend statements and bills of lading for cargos.

Bequeathed by Capt. William J. L. Parker in 2006.

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Finding aid in repository; folder level control.

Added entries—persons:

Moulton, Oliver

Shaw, Franklin

Added entries—places:

Pittston (Me.)

Randolph (Me.)

Added entries—corporate bodies (including vessels)

Alvera Rogers (Schooner)

Charles H. Haskell (Three-mast schooner)

David W. Hunt (Three-mast schooner)

E. H. Cornell (Three-mast schooner)

Fred Warner (Schooner)

Gen. Howard (Schooner)

Jeny Mamon [*Jerry? Jennie? Jenny? Manion?*] (Schooner)

Kate (Schooner)

Lizzie B. Morse (Three-mast schooner)

M. [*Maria*] *Whitney* (Schooner)

Mary Shields (Schooner)

Nellie T. Morse (Three-mast schooner)

Ocean Wave (Schooner)

October (Schooner)

Oliver S. Barrett (Three-mast schooner)

Sarah Sousie [*Sarah Louise?*] (Schooner)

Tarry Not (Schooner)

Walton (Schooner)

Wm. T. Donnell (Three-mast schooner)

Added entries—key terms:

Lumber

Lumber trade

Lumbermen

Sawmills

Schooners

Ship captains

Shipping

Shipowners

ACQUISITION

This collection was bequeathed to Maine Maritime Museum from the estate of Capt. William J. L. Parker in November and December 2006.

PROVENANCE

Captain W. J. Lewis Parker was an extremely knowledgeable collector and an expert on North American schooners. He picked up many parts of his collection of maritime papers by purchase from dealers, auctions, and estate sales, and by gifts from old mariners and their relatives. There is no documentation in Capt. Parker's papers that would indicate how or where he acquired these papers. These papers were found in Captain Parker's study with other similar items, and were part of his maritime library which he bequeathed to Maine Maritime Museum.

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PHYSICAL CONDITION

Other than the normal surface dirt and minor tears, the papers of Oliver Moulton are in good condition.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Oliver Moulton Jr. was born on April 9, 1825 in Pittson, Maine, son of Oliver and Salome [Sallome] (LaPlain) Moulton. He married Catherine Shaw in Pittston January 2, 1849; they had six children between 1850 and 1871.

He bought and built sawmills in Pittston, Chelsea, Sidney, and Randolph, Maine. His occupation was always described as lumberman, and this collection would indicate that his interest in schooner ownership was largely related to the transportation of his lumber products to market. He was active in this business from the 1840s into at least the 1880s. His Randolph business was advertised as a "manufacturer of all kinds of rough and dressed pine spruce dimension, frames, timber, deck plank, boards, staves, clapboards, laths, shingles, pickets and hard wood of all kinds." Sons Henry and Warren Moulton took over his mill business.

Oliver Moulton Jr. died October 29, 1902 at Randolph. A collection of his ledgers is at the Raymond H. Fogler Library, University of Maine, Orono, Maine.

Oliver Moulton built a saw mill in 1864, on the Togus stream, a short distance above the river road, but it was burned ten years afterward. Another mill was at once erected, a little lower down the stream and is now leased and run by Henry and Warren Moulton, sons of Oliver. It contains a rotary saw for long lumber, planers, lath and shingle mills, and employs twenty-five hands. This mill controls the stream up to the reservoir at Togus."

Sources: *Illustrated History of Kennebec County, Maine.* New York : H. W. Blake Co, 1892, p. 740 [F29.K2K62]; United States Census records; Maine Death Records; Pittston, Maine Vital Records

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTES

The Oliver Moulton Jr. papers consists of vessel papers, primarily bills of sale and dividend statements. Most of the bills of sale are for shares in vessels sold by Franklin Shaw of Braintree, Massachusetts to Oliver Moulton. There are also a number of bills of lading for lumber, shingles, laths and other wood products that name Oliver Moulton as the shipper. The vessels that Moulton had ownership in were:

Charles H. Haskell (Three-mast schooner)
David W. Hunt (Three-mast schooner)
E. H. Cornell (Three-mast schooner)
Lizzie B. Morse (Three-mast schooner)
Nellie T. Morse (Three-mast schooner)
Oliver S. Barrett (Three-mast schooner)
Wm. T. Donnell (Three-mast schooner)

PROCESSING NOTES

I found these papers mixed in with the Dickinson Family Papers (MS-423). I noticed the one "common denominator" was the name "Oliver Moulton". I am speculating this is the same Oliver Moulton that owned sawmills in Chelsea, Maine and other nearby places in the 19th century. The papers are primarily vessels' papers. I grouped the collection by vessel names and kept the bills of lading separate in their own folder.

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Charles H. Haskell (Three-mast schooner)

Box	Folder	
1	1	Dividend statement, 1884
		David Hunt (Three-mast schooner)
	2	Bill of sale, 1883
		E. H. Cornell (Three-mast schooner)
	3	Bill of sale, 1890
	4	Dividend statement, 1883
		Lizzie B. Morse (Three-mast schooner)
	5	Bill of sale, 1884
	6	Dividend statement, 1884
		Nellie T. Morse (Three-mast schooner)
	7	Bill of sale, 1882
		Oliver S. Barrett (Three-mast schooner)
	8	Construction Summary, 1884
	9	Dividend statement, 1884
		Wm. T. Donnell (Three-mast schooner)
	10	Bill of sale, 1884
	11	Divident statement, 1884
		Other Vessels—Bills of lading 1863-1873
	12	Schooner ***Alvera Rogers***, Capt. A. J. Erskine Schooner ***Fred Warner***, Capt. George H. Coombs Schooner ***Gen. Howard***, Capt. Albion Johnson Schooner ***Jeny Mamon*** [*Jerry? Jennie? Jenny? Manion?*], Capt Turington Schooner ***Kate***, Capt. E. B. Corner Schooner ***M.*** **[*Maria*]** ***Whitney***, Capt. A. E. Piston

Other Vessels—Bills of lading 1863-1873 (cont.)

Box	Folder	
1	12	Schooner ***Mary Shields***, Capt. Linscott
		Schooner ***October***, Capt. Samuel J. Williams
		Schooner ***Ocean Wave***, Capt. Richard M. Smith
		Schooner ***Sarah Sousie*** [*Sarah Louise*?], Capt. Joseph F. Sweet
		Schooner ***Tarry Not***, Capt. G. W. James
		Schooner ***Walton***, Capt. W. M. Palmer